



THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 1910



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¹ACT No. IX OF 1910

[18th March, 1910]

An Act to amend the law relating to the supply and use of electrical energy.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the supply and use of electrical energy ;

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1909, Pt. V, p. 87; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1910, Pt. V, p. 39; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1909, Pt. VI, p. 152, and *ibid.*, 1910, Pt. VI, pp. 12, 157 and 275, dated the 5th February, 1910, the 19th March, 1910, and the 9th April, 1910, respectively.
The Act has been amended in its application to the Province of Punjab by Punjab Ordinance, XXIX of 1971.
The Act has been supplemented In Baluchistan by the British Baluchistan Electricity (Emergency Powers) Regulation, 1947, (Reg. II of 1947), extended to the Leased Areas of Baluchistan, by the Leased Areas (Laws) Order, 1950 (G. G. O. 3 of 1950); and applied in the Federated Area of Baluchistan, see Gazette of India, 1937, Pt. I, p. 1499.
The Act has been applied to Phulera in the Excluded Area of Upper Tanawal to the extent the Act is applicable in the N.W.F.P., and extended to the Excluded Area of Upper Tanawal other than Phulera by the N.W.F.P. (Upper Tanawal) (Excluded Area) Laws Regulation, 1950 and declared to be in force in that area with effect from the 1st June, 1951, see N.W.F.P. Gazette, Extraordinary, dated the 1st June, 1951.
It has also been extended to—
(i) the Baluchistan State Union, by the Baluchistan States Union. (Federal Laws) (Extension) Order, 1953 (G.G.O. 4 of 1953);
(ii) the State of Bahawalpur, by the Bahawalpur (Extension of Federal Laws Order, 1953 (G.G.O.11 of 1953) and
(iii) the Khairpur State by G. G.O. 5 of 1953.
The Act has been and shall be deemed to have been brought into force in Gwadur with effect from the 8th September, 1958, by the Gwadur (Application of Central Laws) Ordinance, 1960 (31 of 1960).
s. 2.

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the ¹* Electricity Act, 1910.

²[(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.]

(3) It shall come into force on such date³ as the ⁴[Federal Government] may, by notification in the ⁵[official Gazette], direct in this behalf.

2. Definitions.— In this Act, expressions defined in the Telegraph Act, 1885 (XIII of 1885), have the meanings assigned to them in that Act, and, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “aerial line” means any electric supply-line which is placed above ground and in the open air:
- (b) “area of supply” means the area within which alone a licensee is for the time being authorized by his license to supply energy:
- (c) “consumer” means any person who is supplied with energy by a licensee, or ⁶[who is the owner or occupier of the premises which] are for the time being connected for the purposes of a supply of energy with the works of a licensee:
- (d) “daily fine” means a fine for each day on which an offence is continued after conviction therefor:
- (e) “distributing main” means the portion of any main with which a service line is, or is intended to be, immediately connected:
- (f) “electric supply-line” means a wire, conductor or other means used for conveying, transmitting or distributing energy together with any casing, coating, covering, tube, pipe or insulator enclosing, surrounding or supporting the same or any part thereof, or any apparatus connected therewith for the purpose of so conveying, transmitting or distributing such energy:
- (g) “energy” means electrical energy when generated, transmitted, supplied or used for any purpose except the transmission of a message:
- (h) “licensee” means any person licensed under Part II to supply energy :

¹ The word “Indian” omitted by A.O., 1949.

² Subs. by the Central Laws (Statute, Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960), s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for sub-section (2) as amended by A. O., 1949 and the Federal Law’s (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1951 (26 of 1951), s. 8.

³ The 1st January, 1911, see Gen. R. & O.

⁴ Subs. by F.A.O., 1975, Art. 2 and Table, for “Central Government” which had been subs. by A.O., 1937, for “G.G. in C”.

⁵ Subs. by A.O., 1937, for “Gazette of India”

⁶ Subs. by the Electricity (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1979 (62 of 1979), s. 2, for “whose premises”.